

To THE HIGH  
AND MIGHTY  
CHARLES THE FIRST,  
OF GREAT BRITAIN^ FRANCEJ AND  
IRELAND^ KING,

all the blessings of **this**, and a  
better Hie,

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGNS



HAT this brief Treatise is yours,  
both by right and by succession,  
will appear by the Author's and  
Actor's ensuing *Dedication*. To praise  
either the Mistress or the Servant,  
might justly incur the censure of *Quiz*  
*eos unquam sanus mtuperamti* either's  
worth having sufficiently blazed their  
fame. . -

This Present loseth nothing, by  
glancing on former actions; and the  
observation of passed adventures may  
probably advantage future  
employments. C^SAR wrote his own  
*Coimnenlane\$*i and this Doer was partly  
the Inditor. Neither is there wanting  
living testimony to confirm its truth.

For his sake, then, cherish what is  
good! and I shall willingly entertain  
check for what is amiss. Your favour-  
able acceptance may encourage my  
collecting of more neglected notes!  
However, though Virtue, as Lands, be  
not inheritable; yet hath he left of his  
Name, one that resolves, and therein  
joys to approve himself

Your most humble and loyal  
subject,

FRANCIS DRAKE  
[Bart.].